

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.

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Parochial Vicar, Rev. Tony Thurston Deacon Vince Olenick & Deacon John Basil

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."

Luke 6:20



PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper
Sally Frantz, Secretary
stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
304-723-2057
Parish Fax: 304-723-3961

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 7:00am
Saturday 7:30am
School Mass: (see bulletin)

JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart
Sundays: 4-4:45 pm
Thursdays: 7:30 am

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mark Tirona, Director, Religious Education
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com
Salvador Brambila, Youth Minister
sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Celia Mergen, Music Director

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal
weirtonstjoseph.net 304-723-1970

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Heckathorn, Principal
weirtonmadonna.org 304-723-0545

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director
weirtonstjoseph.net 681-328-3217

MINISTRIES OF OUR PARISH

- + Grounds Crew
- + Knights of Columbus
- + N.F.P. Nurse
- + Finance Council
- + Pastoral Council
- + Christian Mothers
- + Prayer Shawl
- + Holy Name
- + Rosary Group
- + Bible Study
- + Fellowship Small Groups
- + Prayer Line
- + Gabriel Project
- + Sacristan
- + Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- + Home Bound Visits
- + Readers
- + Altar Servers
- + Children's Liturgy of the Word
- + Ushers
- + ProLife
- + Adoration Guardian

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Holy Orders

Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Dennis.

Baptism

Parents should contact Mark Tirona to make arrangements.

Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary and on Thursday from 8:00-8:30 am and Sunday from 4-4:45 pm St. Joseph's

Holy Eucharist

First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Dennis at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Dennis. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Mark Tirona for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

Charter for Protection of Children & Young People

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To Report to Diocesan Authorities: In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264; or Fr. Don Higgs at 304-685-2367. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent or facing an eviction? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES, INC....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-810-4291 or email helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2025	\$ 47,733.93
Sunday Collection	2/9	\$ 6,366.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/9	\$ 716.00
E-Giving	2/1—2/9	\$ 2,408.11
Aid to Church in Africa	2/9	\$ 10.00
Black/Native American Mission	2/9	\$ 187.00
Home Missions	2/9	\$ 318.00

COLLECTION	Feb. 10/11, 2024	Feb. 8/9, 2025
Envelopes	\$ 5,524.00	Envelopes \$ 5,287.00
Loose	\$ 1,038.00	Loose \$ 1,079.00
Debt	\$ 822.00	Debt \$ 716.00
Total	\$ 7,384.00	Total \$ 7,082.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—2/11/24)	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/9/25)
Envelopes	\$ 49,744.97	Envelopes \$ 37,158.00
Loose	\$ 8,756.24	Loose \$ 8,362.93
Debt	\$ 2,757.00	Debt \$ 2,213.00
Total	\$ 61,258.21	Total \$ 47,733.93

COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!

Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, CAC. She is licensed in West Virginia. Dr. Ann has retired and is doing pro bono work for the Church. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact the parish office.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a time for children to pray and learn about God's Word through child-friendly language and activities. All children from Preschool (3-5 years) through 4th grade are welcome to Children's Liturgy on Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for middle school and high school students. Finally, if you're interested in becoming an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at 723-2054. Thank you!

If you would like a 2024 financial statement of your donations to the church for tax purposes, please call the church office during regular business hours.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, February 17 <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intentions of Paulette Nagy By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich	Gen 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 18	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Paul Badusha By: Janet Fisher	Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 19	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Evelina Capito By: The Capito Family	Gen 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday, February 20	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	Intentions of Tina Rocchio By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich	Gen 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18; 19-21, 29 and 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday, February 21 <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Bob Markowski By: Toni Markowski with GS	Gen 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 - 9:1
Saturday, February 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ Raoul LeMat By: Jennifer LeMat ✠ Alexander Gryskevich By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich	1 Pet 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19
Sunday, February 23 <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	All Parishioners ✠ Ralph & Betty Fuscardo By: Terry & Marie Weigel ✠ Frances McCormick By: Marie Scarfo	1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103; 1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

Psalm — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

Second Reading—Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

Gospel — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).



Please pray for the soul of
Chris Barker.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Deacon Vince continues his visits to homebound parishioners during the week. If you know of anyone that would like to receive Holy Communion that is unable to attend Mass or anyone that would need a ride to Mass, contact the church office.



NEW YEAR! NEW DEVOTION!

The Rosary is not a new devotion, but joining us is! Feel free to join the Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday from 6:00—7:00 pm in the church for group prayer. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as reading prayers from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For information, call the church office.



Is the Lord calling you?

Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

DONATE ONLINE

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go to www.stjoeweirton.org
click **DONATE**

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 740-283-3636
aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net www.aimwomenscenter.com
24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

West Virginia Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-352-6513

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator ~ 304-242-6988

Hurting from an ABORTION?

Please call: Rachel's Vineyard 877-HOPE4ME
(877-467-3463) www.RachelsVineyard.org

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, there are several services available that are listed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. You can contact the church office for a copy of these services as well.

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners who are in the hospital, homebound or ill. Call the church office if you want your name on our prayer line list or in the bulletin and/or you want a visit from a Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion while in the hospital or homebound. If you have a sacramental emergency, don't hesitate to contact Father Dennis or Father Tony.

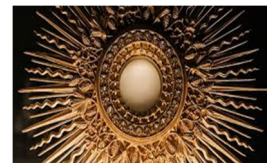
The following is the policy for scheduling Mass intentions: Our church receives requests to have Masses scheduled almost daily and we try our best to get them scheduled as soon as possible. We are able to schedule 4 months ahead. This practice has been in place for more than 4 years. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of **February for June 2025**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER TONY ON FEBRUARY 22ND AND FATHER DENNIS ON FEBRUARY 27TH! WE ARE BLESSED THAT YOU'RE BOTH HERE AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!

Eucharistic Adoration

All Are Welcome!

Monday through Friday 8:00 am—8:00 pm and Saturday mornings 8:00 am—12:00 noon in the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel



WHAT CAN I DO?

The best gift you can give to God is adoration of His Son, Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament. The best gift you can give to Mother Mary is the adoration of her Son, Jesus, in the Holy Eucharist. The greatest gift you can give to your parish, the Universal Church, and the whole world is spending a Holy Hour before Him in our Adoration Chapel.

"Within the practices of religion, the Blessed Sacrament is what the Sun is to the stars; it is truly the soul of the Christian religion. It is the ineffable mystery that comprehends divine charity, by which God, truly uniting to us, communicates to us His magnificence, graces, and favors." – St. Francis De Sales
Beware of two things: false modesty and lack of faith. We have a God who loves us to death and waits patiently for each of us to visit Him at the Adoration Chapel. To spur you on, (not unlike the Nike slogan of "Just do it") bring to mind the following words written in a speech by Marilyn Hull:

"I am only one. But I am one. What I can do, I ought to do. And, by the grace of God, I will do!" YOU can make a difference!

There are many hours that need partners. Sharing an hour is very easy to do! Scan the above QR Code for positions available or call 304-374-6170.



Guardians Enrollment Status						
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM						
9:00 AM						
10:00 AM						
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM						
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4:00 PM						
5:00 PM						
6:00 PM						
7:00 PM						

■ Need 2 Guardians
■ Need 1 Guardian
■ Need 0 Guardians

1/22/2025

Only 4 more Guardians are needed to open Saturday afternoon Adoration! If you can help please call 304-374-6170.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	TMIY CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17	8 AM—8 PM 4:00 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION PRAYER SHAWL TMIY
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION BIBLE GROUP IN H.R. ROSARY CHOSEN IN GS CAFETERIA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22	8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER TONY!!
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23	6:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM	TMIY PSR CONFESSION

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Some give by going...Some go by giving...Clay County and Gassaway, West Virginia. We serve people who live in their cars, or if they have houses, have no running water, gas or electric. Resources are unable to be accessed due to lack of education and the belief that there is no viable help for them. Father Thien S.V.D. is the pastor of Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Gassaway, West Virginia and the Risen Lord Mission in Clay County. Father is known for his kindness and for his work to help the poor in rural communities he serves. If you wish to **give by going**, the dates are as follows: Gassaway, West Virginia the 2nd Thursday of each month. Clay county, West Virginia the 4th Wednesday and Thursday of each month. If you want to **go by giving**, the needs are as follows: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, diapers, wipes, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Monetary donations can be made to the Risen Lord Food Pantry. For further information, contact the church office at 304-723-2054.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION
week of 2/16/25 for the souls of the
EMMA LISAC, HUGO MASCIO & EDDIE CHESKY
BY
THE MASCIO FAMILY

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of **FEBRUARY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES.**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITIES?

Catholic Charities can help!! If you are a Brooke or Hancock County resident, please contact the Northern Region Case Manager at 304-830-2410 for an appointment.

THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE TABLE OF HOPE: CAPRI SUN & CANNED FRUIT.

The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.

The Community Bread Basket donation for **FEBRUARY** is **JIFFY MIX**. Please place your items in the **RED** baskets at all the church entrances.



TMII Thy Kingdom Come

The That Man Is You men's group would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for this new year of TMII, called Thy Kingdom Come. This year's impressive array of Catholic speakers will empower us to become the men God needs to rebuild His Kingdom. If you have never attended at all, or simply came to a couple of meetings, you can jump into this new content without any issue. In joining us this spring you will be one of over 25,000 men going through the TMII program this year. You will be joining a band of brothers that will support you on your journey. It is a powerful thing when you gather with a group of men striving to do right by God and their families.

I know life is busy, but we just ask that you give the program a try. The program is getting started again on **February 2 and 3, 2025 and is held every Sunday at 6:00 am to 7:15 am and every Monday at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria.** The content and the fellowship can be truly transformational! If any questions please text or call: **Deacon John Basil at 304-374-2347 or Hayden Greenlief at 304-670-5707.**

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert after being baptized by John. He also spent 40 days between his resurrection and ascension into heaven. We will have Adoration 40 hours consecutively beginning Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM through Thursday at midnight. Our normal Guardians will be filling their assigned hours, but will need your help to fill the remaining hours. Signup sheets will be available on the table outside the Chapel and in the main Vestibule. Do you have one hour to spend with Jesus?

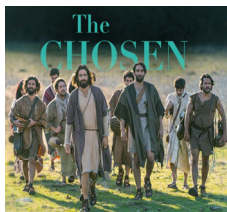
The Diocese encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, you may also report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel or volunteers of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, by contacting one of the Bishop's designees 1311 Byron St., PO Box 230, Wheeling, WV 26003 Fax: 304.233.4086 Phone 304.230.1504 at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264; or Fr. Don Higgs at 304.685.2367 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. You may also visit www.dwc.org, under "Accountability" for additional reporting mechanisms."



The Knights of Columbus of Weirton will be holding a free throw competition for girls and boys ages 9-14 at St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Gym on Saturday, 2/22 at 10:00 am. Registration forms can be filled out at the event and must be signed by a parent or guardian. Call Gregg at 304-374-3318 or Larry at 304-670-4513 for more details.



Join our Telephone Ministry team! Would you like to make a difference in our parish community by reaching out to fellow parishioners by phone and sharing your warmth and support with them? Call the church office at 304-723-2054 if you're interested in giving a few hours a month to serve on this fruitful ministry.



We began to view **The Chosen Season 2** on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Grade School Cafeteria. Two episodes every Tuesday evening will be viewed. COME AND SEE what all the hype is about!! Hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SCHOOL PRESENTS

Saint PATRICK'S DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 1 REVERSE RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

Please join us for dinner, drinks, music and a chance to win some serious cash!

Featuring
DINNER BY VITO'S II AND
MUSIC BY DJ MIKE

Tickets may be purchased at St. Joe's School Main Office or by Venmo
*Additional chances may be purchased for \$50 at the door

Event at 151 Michael Way, Weirton

One LUCKY Winner could draw the \$5,000 GRAND Prize!

\$100 Per Ticket/Person
Ticket includes:
ONE Dinner by Vito's II, ONE complimentary drink, ONE Chinese Auction Ticket, and a sweet treat!

Join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day with our grade school Reverse Raffle Event on March 1st to be held in the gym with doors opening at 7:00 pm. The evening includes dinner, drinks, photo booth and music. Throughout the event, prizes will be drawn leading up to a grand prize of \$5,000. Tickets may be purchased at the school or church office for \$100 per person and include a chance at \$5,000, dinner, dessert, one drink ticket and one Chinese Auction ticket. If you can't make it out to the event, but would like to have a chance at the grand prize, Prize Chance tickets may be purchased for \$50 at the school or church. The grand prize winner does not have to be present at the raffle. Thank you for supporting St. Joseph the Worker School. We look forward to celebrating St. Patrick's Day with you!

